

Application Serial No. 10/048,114
Amendment dated September 23, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A substitute specification is submitted herewith to ensure that all of the changes made in the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report, the previously filed Preliminary Amendment and presently are properly incorporated. Furthermore, the paragraphs have been renumbered. Also enclosed is a marked-up version of the specification showing the changes. No new matter has been added to the substitute specification.

It is requested that the substitute specification be utilized when the patent is printed.

Minor formatting changes have been made to Claims 1-7, which are presented as new Claims 8-14. It is submitted that the claims define subject matter that is patentable over Keller et al and Shinomura et al for the reasons set forth hereinafter.

Claim 8 calls for the step of transmitting a list of usable display formats to the data-preparing device wherein the data-preparing device then, according to availability, selects the best suited display format for the display of the data-requesting device. Shinomura et al discloses a data sending system that has an alternate forwarding function for the exchange of data by different receiving terminal models. However, this reference fails to disclose or teach the step of transmitting a list of usable display formats to the data-preparing device wherein the latter then, according to availability, selects the display format best suited for the data-requesting device. Keller et al '396, although disclosing a flexible modular device driver, fails to disclose the claimed limitation of transmitting a list of usable display formats to the data-preparing device.

Because the two references relied on by the Examiner fail to disclose the claimed subject matter of Claim 8, even if combined, it is submitted that none of Claims 8-14 would be obvious over a combination of these two references within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 103. It is requested that the Examiner reconsider the claimed subject matter in light of the cited references, withdraw the rejections and pass the application to issue.

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If further issues remain, it is requested the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1692.

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Amendments to the Drawings

Submitted herewith is a revised Fig. 1 wherein the handwritten labels are now presented in printed text.

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